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Vyshinsky Opposes U. N. Commission

Opening of Sessions

Restoring World Trade

Britain Has Done Her Full Share

St. Louis, Oct. 20.—Lord Inverchapel, the British Ambassador in Washington, told the United States National Foreign Trade Convention here tonight that Britain had done more than her full share in trying to restore world trade.

"While, indeed, we have received large credits from you and the Canadians, we have paid out to Europe and to war-shattered areas of the East some £2,750,000,000," he said.

"This sum, measured on the basis of national wealth, equals some \$14,000,000,000 to \$15,000,000,000 paid out by you."

"We have done more than our full share in trying to restore a multilateral trading system throughout the world."

Lord Inverchapel cited as post-war British production achievements the rapid revival of the British merchant marine, the present output of 75 percent more trucks, 55 percent more rayon yarn, 20 percent more steel, 45 percent more gas and 67 percent more electricity than in 1938.

AMERICA'S EXPORTS

Mr. David Bruce, the United States Assistant Secretary of Commerce, who also spoke at the Convention meeting, said that although American exports had reached record heights, they were still relatively low when compared with the tremendous increase in productive capacity.

The United States capacity, he said, was 85 percent above the 1935 to 1939 average level.

Exports for the first six months of this year were at the record annual rate of \$15,200,000,000, but they amounted to only 12.7 per cent of the total movable goods the United States produced, compared with 16.5 percent in 1929—also a postwar year.

"Our imports are exceedingly low both in terms of supplying dollars to our customers in other countries and in supplying us with the materials we need to support our high level of production," he declared.—Reuter.

DROP IN PRICES

Nanking, Oct. 20.—The retail prices during the present economic crisis showed an average 30 per cent drop yesterday following the Government and police drastic action by measures outlined during the week-end, according to Chinese press reports.

Cotton, rice, edible oils and cigarettes all show a decline of 25 per cent while meat, bread and other staple items of foreign diet, however, remained steady despite the reported fall in quotations of foreign currency.—Reuter-AAP.

EDITORIAL

Future Of The University

"EDUCATION is the decisive social service, for progress comes with knowledge," reads a semi-official handout from London. Then the statement crescendos: "It is knowledge that breaks the vicious circle created by poverty. Education in the Colonies must teach better agricultural practices, better hygiene, better industrial technology; and thus by raising living standards can ultimately enable expenditure on education itself as well as on other social services to be increased." An inspiring declaration and one which it is to be hoped will guide the decisions of the Colonial Office and the Treasury when considering the future of the Hongkong University. For it is from this high level of education that Hongkong should look for its social reformers and leaders—men and women with an up-to-date educational background extending beyond the narrow confines of academic knowledge. Just what the Hongkong University of tomorrow is going to be there is no immediate answer. Long-term policy apparently must serve financial considerations—a familiar bugbear so far as our University is concerned. Unfortunately the hard facts of rehabilitation and operating costs must inevitably retard early ex-

Commission RESENTS PROPOSED INVESTIGATION

Situation In Greece

Flushing Meadows, New York, Oct. 20.—Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, the Soviet delegate, in a last-minute attempt to block the creation of the proposed United Nations Balkans Investigation Commission, urged the General Assembly here today to reject the political committee's findings on the grounds that there was insufficient evidence to convict Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania of assisting Greek anti-Government forces.

In a long and detailed review of the earlier Balkans commission's evidence, Mr. Vyshinsky said he was trying to prove "the whole artificiality, the injustice, farfetchedness and highflown nature" of the charges against Greece's three northern neighbours.

Nervousness On Frontiers

Beirut, Oct. 20.—Lebanese and Syrian military precautions were reported here today to be continuing on the Palestine frontiers, and it was unofficially stated that 150 men of Haganah, Jewish defence force, were patrolling the Palestine side near Mutallah, protecting communal villages.

Searchlights were seen at night, but no incidents have been reported.

Senior officials of Lebanon and Syria were keeping contact and further reinforcements were said to be "expected soon," reports added.

Nearly 230,000 troops were placed at the disposal of the Arab League a week ago by Arab states pledged to send aid to the Arabs in Palestine in the event of a British withdrawal from Palestine.

The Syrian Ministry of Defence announced on October 10 that units of the Damascus garrison were undertaking manoeuvres on a large scale on the south-western frontiers of Syria, bordering on Palestine.

The Syrian military authorities have arrested five armed and uniformed Jewish settlement police, who were alleged to have crossed into Syrian territory while on patrol in northern Palestine, the Palestine Government officially disclosed today. The Jewish police were alleged to have gone about 500 yards into Syrian territory. The incident took place on Sunday.

Opposing the creation of the Balkan Commission, Mr. Vyshinsky repeated the charge that such a commission was contrary to the United Nations Charter and the sovereignty of the nations.

The only way to restore peace in the Balkans was to force the immediate withdrawal of the British troops and American military missions and establish a special commission to supervise American aid to Greece, he declared.

Mr. Oscar Lange for Poland, introduced the following resolution:

"The General Assembly having considered the question of threats to the political independence and territorial integrity of Greece and the views expressed by the various delegations, recommends that all foreign troops be immediately withdrawn and all foreign military missions, instructors, and other military experts be called immediately from the territory of Greece."

"It requests all Governments concerned to report not later than January 1, 1948, to the Secretary-General on the implementation of this recommendation."

AMERICA'S REPLY

Mr. Herschel Johnson, the United States delegate, said "If it should become necessary to call a special session of the General Assembly to consider threats to the political independence and territorial integrity of Greece, the Government of the United States would be prepared to co-operate with other members of the United Nations in putting into effect whatever measures are recommended by the General Assembly for the protection of Greece."

"Our policy towards Greece, in providing concrete aid and in every other phase, is designed solely to serve its purpose. We have no ulterior motives. We seek no material gain."

The hope of the United States Government is that the action taken at this session of the General Assembly will be realized.

"The universal acceptance of limited restraints, will bring forth over a period of years abundant benefits to all mankind. The wise leadership in these countries should not foreclose for their people the opportunity to share in these benefits by the lack of restraint at this moment," Mr. Johnson declared.—Reuter.

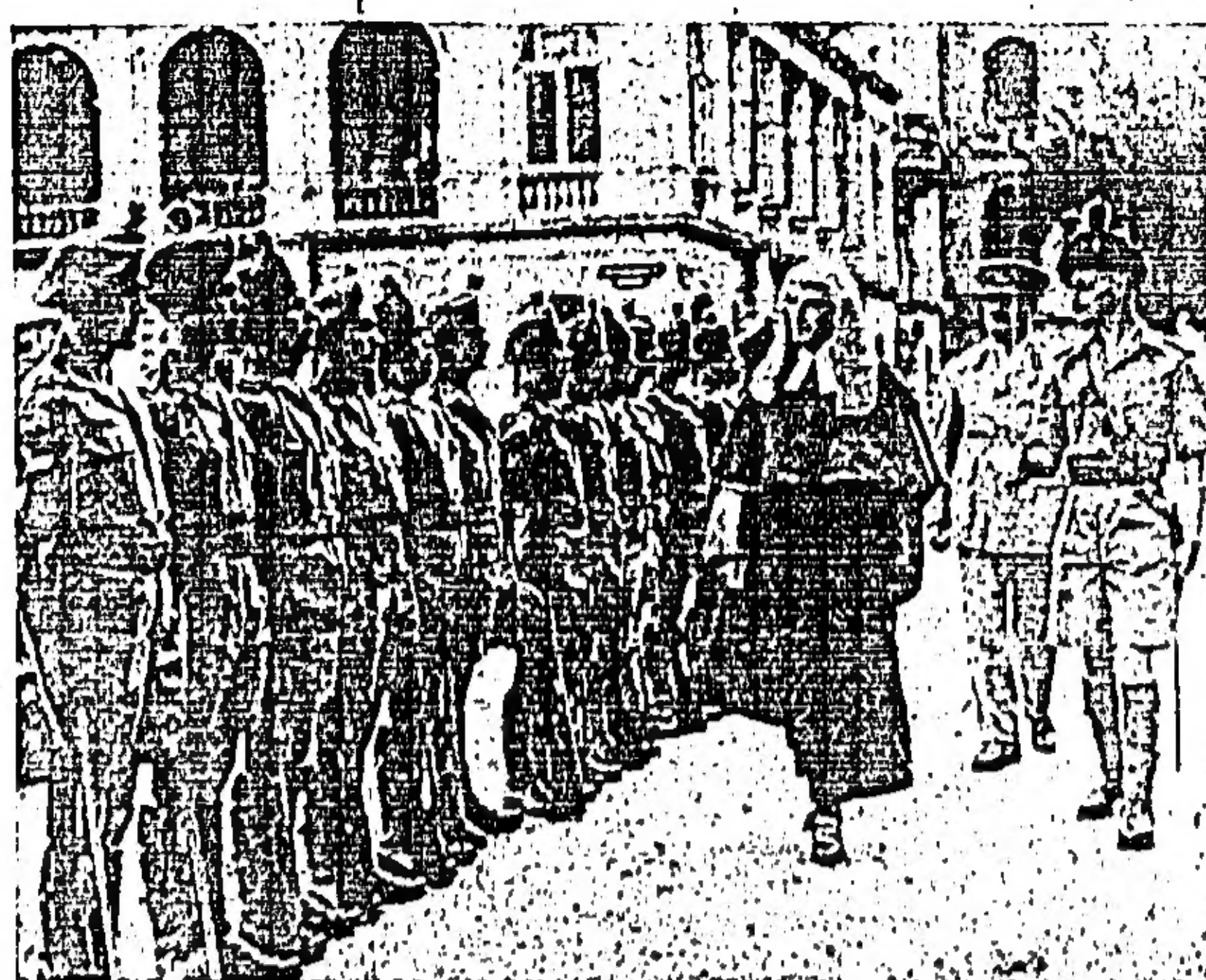
Why Fleet Is Being Reduced

London, Oct. 20.—The Admiralty announced tonight that three of the Royal Navy's Fleet Air Arm stations in Britain would be closed as an economy measure.

The announcement came hard upon the news that the Home Fleet would be reduced to four destroyers and a cruiser.

Since the war, the Royal Navy's strength has been reduced by about 75 percent and since September, 1945, the warships withdrawn for scrapping include two battleships, nine cruisers and more than 70 destroyers. Some 500 warships are "laid up" in reserve, while 450 have been given, lent or sold to Dominion and foreign navies.

Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha declared here today that the reduction of the Home Fleet meant "gambling with a permanent interest of Britain to meet a temporary difficulty." Mr. Hore-Belisha, a former Minister for War, suggested that there was no evidence that the Dominions had been consulted "still less that they are in a position to take over the added share of a responsibility which will fall so suddenly upon them"—Reuter.



The Chief Justice, Sir Henry Blackall, yesterday ceremonially opened the legal year when, in robes and wig, he inspected a guard of honour outside the Supreme Court provided by the First Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. This picture shows the Chief Justice carrying out the inspection.

Irishman Wins World Flyweight Title

Dado Marino Beaten On Points

London, Oct. 20.—Rinty Monaghan, of Belfast, beat Dado Marino, of Hawaii, on points in a fight billed as for the world flyweight championship over 15 rounds at the Harringay Arena here tonight.

There were only four dunces difference when the two boxers weighed in for the contest. The Irishman scaled seven stone 13½ pounds and his opponent seven stone 13 pounds.

There is still doubt, however, whether Monaghan may style himself world champion. The contest was arranged after Jackie Paterson, of Scotland, had been deprived of his flyweight title by the British Boxing Board of Control, but Paterson has since secured a court injunction restraining the Board from recognising anyone but himself as world flyweight champion pending a re-hearing of his case by the Board's stewards.

The Master of Ceremonies announced from the ring tonight that the fight was recognised by the National Boxing Association of America and by the Elite Boxing Board of Control as for the flyweight championship of the world.

Earlier today, the French Boxing Federation stated that they would recognise the fight as a championship bout provided that the winner met Maurice Sandeyron, French and European champion, within three months. In default of this acceptance, they added, they would consider the title free and would recognise Sandeyron as the challenger for any future championship fight.—Reuter.

PATERSON'S CHALLENGE

London, Oct. 20.—Jackie Paterson today challenged the winner of the Marino-Monaghan fight to meet him next year and both agreed. Marino said he would be willing to return to England to fight the Scot, but his manager Sam Ichinose previously stated that Paterson was to put up a US\$20,000 guarantee that he would make the weight and appear for such a bout.

Both fighters predicted their own victory, with Monaghan saying he expected to knock out Marino, then favour the expected 10,000 fans with the song, "When Irish Eyes are Smiling."—United Press.

Indians Open Cricket Tour

Perth, Oct. 20.—India enjoyed a fairly good day here under adverse conditions against West Australia in the opening match of the Australian tour.

Mankad, although unlikely to meet many similar wickets, showed that the ball coming in slightly with the arm, good length and spin, will do well.

Amir Ahsan, upst by the left-handers, gave hopes of better performances. Both should improve with better placing of the field. Against more aggressive batsmen a better placed field is necessary. The Indian fielding, catching, pick up and throwing in was inaccurate and uncertain. Today, on a slow wicket, the slips and gully were too deep.

Amarnath did not claim the new ball after 40 overs as Mankad was bowling well. This decision was justified, as three wickets fell for 32 runs.

Western Australia found run-getting difficult on a dead and slow wicket. There were no forcing strokes in front of the wicket. The majority of runs came through pushed to the on and the hook shot.

Edwards and Watt were caught at short leg off hook shots. Edwards and Bakkes, left handers, were a good foil to the spin bowlers. Carmody was unlucky in being caught behind the wicket on the leg side.

The wicket is expected to play easy but slow tomorrow. The Indians have no reason to be dissatisfied with the position at the close of play they had taken six wickets for 166 runs.—Reuter.

Bermuda Hurricane

Hamilton, Bermuda, Oct. 20.—A hurricane, reaching at times 100 miles per hour, swept Bermuda today, dislocating light, power and telephone communications.

The streets of Hamilton and of St George were strewn with the debris of roofs and trees, and road transport throughout the island was upset. Owing to the communications breakdown, no estimates of damage or casualties were yet available.—Reuter.

Tories Do Not Expect To Regain Power For Another Seven Years

London, Oct. 20.—The Conservative Party was committed to a demand for an early general election by its Brighton conference, but party leaders privately saw little hope of returning to power for another five to seven years unless the economic crisis gets a lot worse.

Only a Labour Government can call a general election before the present Parliament is scheduled to expire in 1950. High government spokesmen repeatedly have said they have no intention of going to the people for a new mandate before then.

Top Conservative Party leaders believed they stand a good chance of recovering in 1950—or before then—if the government calls a general election—perhaps half the 170 seats they lost in 1945.

But they conceded privately they probably could not overcome the present Labour Party plurality of 205 until the following general election, presumably in 1955, if then. Nevertheless, the Conservatives showed more signs of life and recovery at their Brighton conference

New Parliament Opens Today

ATTENTION ON TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS

London, Oct. 20.—The new session of Parliament, which will be opened tomorrow by King George with all the traditional ceremony, although lacking in some of the splendour of prewar State openings, will focus early attention on independence for Burma and on the Anglo-United States negotiations regarding tariffs.

The Cabinet has approved the final draft of the King's speech opening the session—the constitutional vehicle by which the Labour Government will announce its programme of legislation for the Parliamentary year.

The Government has already carried two-thirds of its present plans for the nationalisation of the key industries.

Coal, transport, electricity, civil aviation, and the Bank of England are all publicly owned or about to be.

NATIONALISING GAS

Still scheduled for nationalisation are iron and steel, and the gas industry. The speech from the Throne is expected to include an announcement of the legislation for the nationalisation of gas, but iron and steel, it is believed, will be delayed until the next session, which will be the fourth and penultimate session of the present Government.

Conservative threats of the destruction of iron and steel nationalisation could mean that the Government might be prevented by delay from getting this legislation on the Statute Book before the next general election.

This has led to a last-minute speculation in informed political quarters that if the Government does not introduce the iron and steel bill this session—leaving a good safety margin—it may protect its position by promoting legislation for the further curtailment of the powers of the House of Lords.

Official quarters, however, would not comment on this suggestion.

INTERIM BUDGET

Some of the main points of the speech from the Throne will be the announcement of a special anti-inflationary budget in November—five months before the annual budget in April. The purpose of the interim budget will be to prevent an inflationary wage-price spiral resulting from the current export drive to overcome the economic crisis.

The Government is understood to be determined to meet at once the economic challenge presented by the fact that workers in priority export industries will be drawing larger pay packets, while the Government restrictions will mean less goods on the home market.

During the debate on the speech, the Ministers are expected to give a precise indication of how the nation will this year save £200,000,000 capital investment—a move which is expected to mean considerable cuts in the domestic housing programme.—Reuter.

British Gold Flows To U.S.

\$50,000,000 Sold In One Month

London, Oct. 20.—Gold to the value of \$50,000,000 has been sold in New York since September 15, the Treasury announced tonight.

£20,000,000 worth was sold on that date, and a further £30,000,000 during the past month.

The Treasury also announced that a purchase of \$120,000,000 was made yesterday from the International Monetary Fund.

This was in addition to the purchase of \$50,000,000 from the Fund in September.

In connection with the sale of gold, the Treasury said that "arrangements have been made for various shipments of gold at suitable intervals to New York to meet our dollar needs."

STOCKS REDUCED

Britain's gold stock has thus been reduced to about £50,000,000. By the purchase of \$180,000,000, Britain is getting her own gold back from the International Monetary Fund and saving the Fund a charge of three-quarters percent for the privilege of doing so.

A high British authority has expressed the view that although the sterling area is under a strain which gravely endangers world stability, the position will develop real strength if a reprieve of nine months or so can be obtained.

During that period, Britain must, of course, sell out things which, in happier times, she would much rather keep, writes Sydney Campell, Reuter's Financial Editor.

But it was held tonight that during the recent London talks, Britain convinced the Commonwealth countries that, granted this reprieve, she could and would pull round.

It was believed also that Britain would similarly be able to convince Argentina and other countries.—Reuter.

Fine Wheat Harvest

Sydney, Oct. 20.—As official figures came in from all states, the estimates of Australia's wheat harvest were today still rising.

The total for the Commonwealth yesterday rose to 255,000,000 bushels, which—if the wheat is successfully harvested—would give a record total of 180,000,000 bushels available for export.

Some experts believed this estimate would be exceeded.—Reuter.

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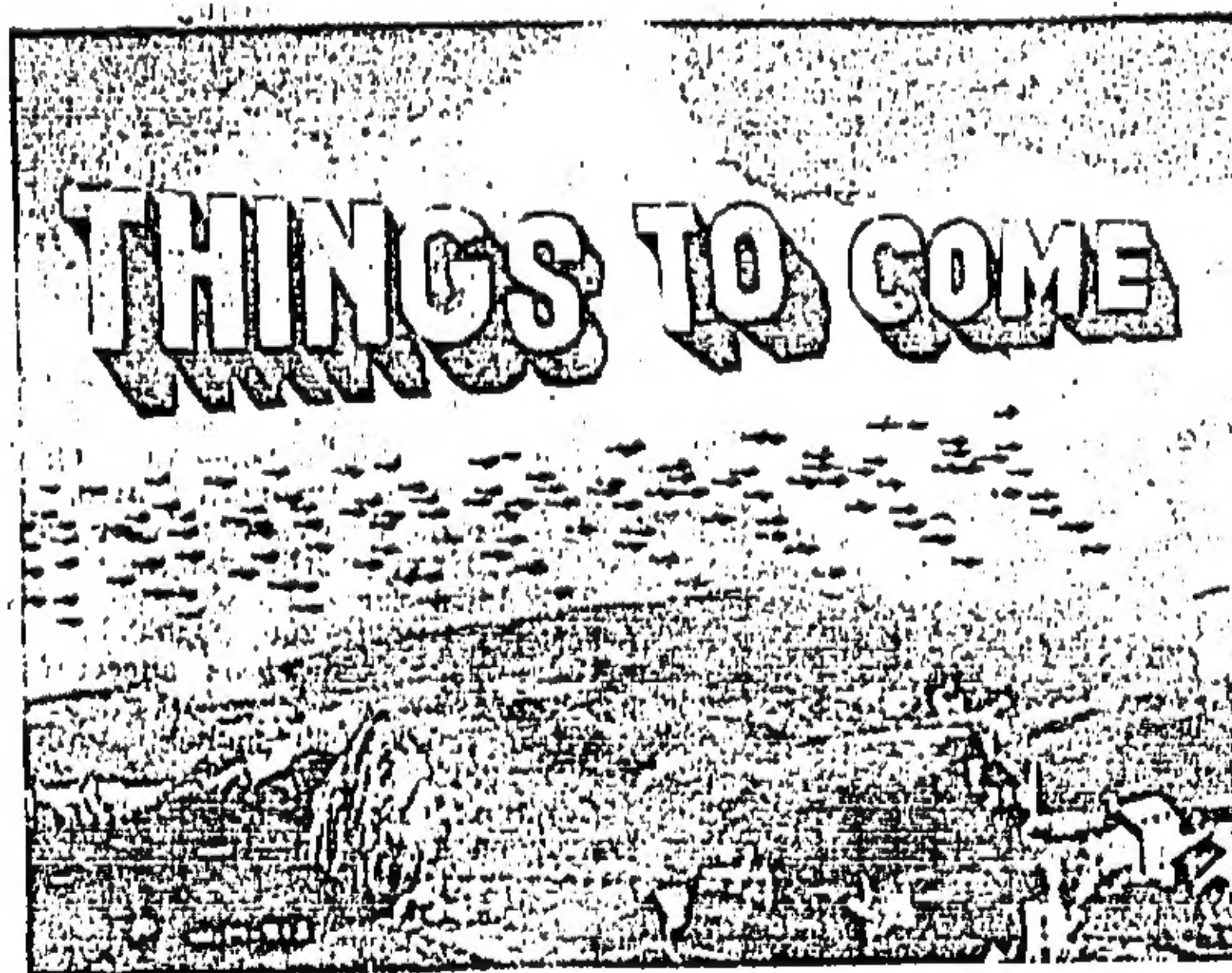
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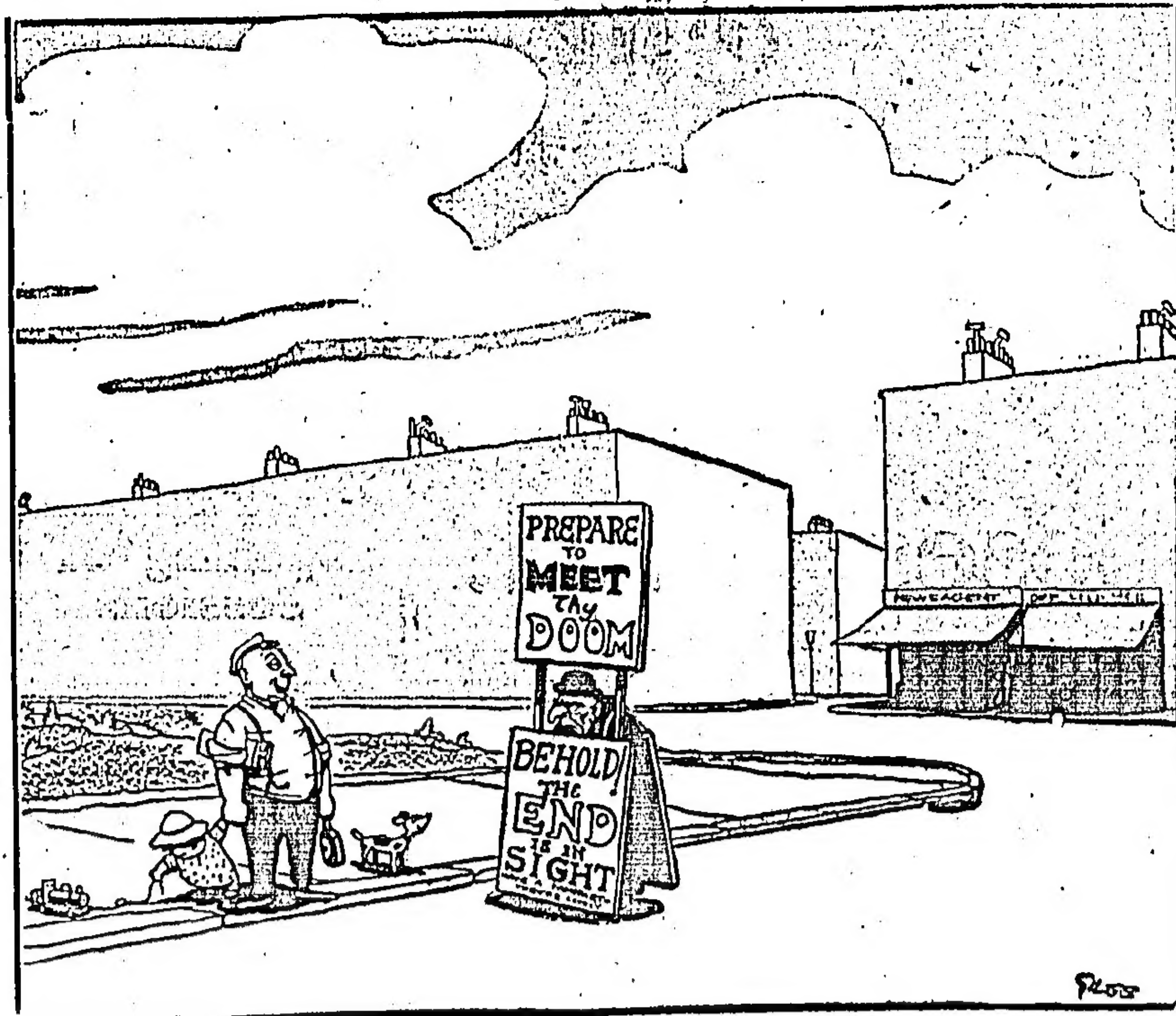
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*Hello Again!*Back to the D-Day fighting area
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WHEN you remember how only too easy it was to get over from England in the war days (if you were wearing a uniform, that is), peacetime travel to the Normandy beaches is something of a pain in the neck.

Back in 1944 there were no complications. You could do one of two simple things—step in an airplane with a parachute tied to your back, fly south for an hour, and then jump out; or walk aboard any one of the tank-landing craft on the beaches around Southampton, lie snug and rosy until the bombs, shells and bullets began to explode around you, and wade ashore.

It is true that sometimes you did not make your destination, but you were never bored en route.

Nowadays, with Normandy no longer a place where the best people go, none of the experts in Continental travel seem to want to get you there.

Welcome

Yet all the discomfort and wasted time in getting there are worth it, for being back in Normandy is an experience to make your chest swell. The people seem proud still to welcome anyone who had anything to do with the British armed forces.

Heaven knows why. On towns like Caen, Bayeux and Falaise the only currency we expended was ammunition. The rate at which we got rid of that is still to be seen today in the great tracts of devastation that block the lovely flower-covered landscape of Calvados.

Your car comes out of the blue-wooded hills into a flat tableland, though a little out of line, still floats in the choppy, blue sea, and to Courseulles, where the sunken block ships still lie—rusting monuments to the inspired scheme that fed the armies and saved the invasion.

The trippers pay their 20 francs to go out in boats and gawk at the wreckage. They bathe beside the sunken mine-sweepers and destroyers. They drink Normandy cider at local bistros called 'Le Mulberry' or at the cafe called 'The Vive Winston'.

Some of them did more. Some weeks ago, on the anniversary of the D-Day landing, the mayor and people of the village of Ver-sur-Mer assembled near the sea to unveil a cross, built by local subscription. It has this lettering on it:—

"From Ver-sur-Mer in gratitude to the British troops who in the course of liberating the world freed our community at dawn. June 6, 1944, and to the Second Battalion of the Hertfordshire Regiment who afterwards stayed with us."

Ver-sur-Mer lost 85 percent of its buildings in the landing which freed it.

But far from bewailing the wreckage of the war, the men of Normandy are making hard-headed use of it. The devastated communities of Calvados, for instance, have got together.

They now run conducted tours of the battle areas. Caravans pour in every day from other parts of France to show the visitors the ruins.

They go chiefly to Arromanches, where the great Mulberry Harbour, though a little out of line, still floats in the choppy, blue sea, and to Courseulles, where the sunken block ships still lie—rusting monuments to the inspired scheme that fed the armies and saved the invasion.

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These schemes have helped to rehause the majority of people from totally destroyed towns like Villers Bocage, Tilly and Thury-Harcourt.

In the big city of Caen, too, several hundred prefabs have now risen among the ruins. The trouble is that they have been built on the ruins instead of in spaces which have been cleared away. And partly because of that, Caen today looks as much a wreck as it did when we left it behind nearly two years ago.

The bulk of the population lives on in the bombed houses whose fronts are open to the streets. Half-collapsed cellars are homes for hundreds. Some local cinemas operate in tents.

Save for an odd tank or rusty gun there is little sign today of the battles we knew in the Normandy fields.

The farmers have hidden them away in fields of corn. Even the grass-covered ruins of the bombed and shelled towns have a look of the ancient past.

In Bayeux the little school where Montgomery held his most important conferences is back teaching the alphabet to howling peasant children.

The Hotel Lion d'Or, to which every officer came dusty from the battle for a meal and a bottle of wine in the old days, now specialises in lunches for red-faced farmers, selected him for office as Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Works. He had had, in fact, a distinguished academic career before the war, mainly devoted to economics.

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At 31 he is our youngest Minister, and as he was first elected to Parliament in 1945 he is not a politician of long experience.

But he had already given proof of his quality when Mr. Attlee first selected him for office as Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Works. He had had, in fact, a distinguished academic career before the war, mainly devoted to economics.

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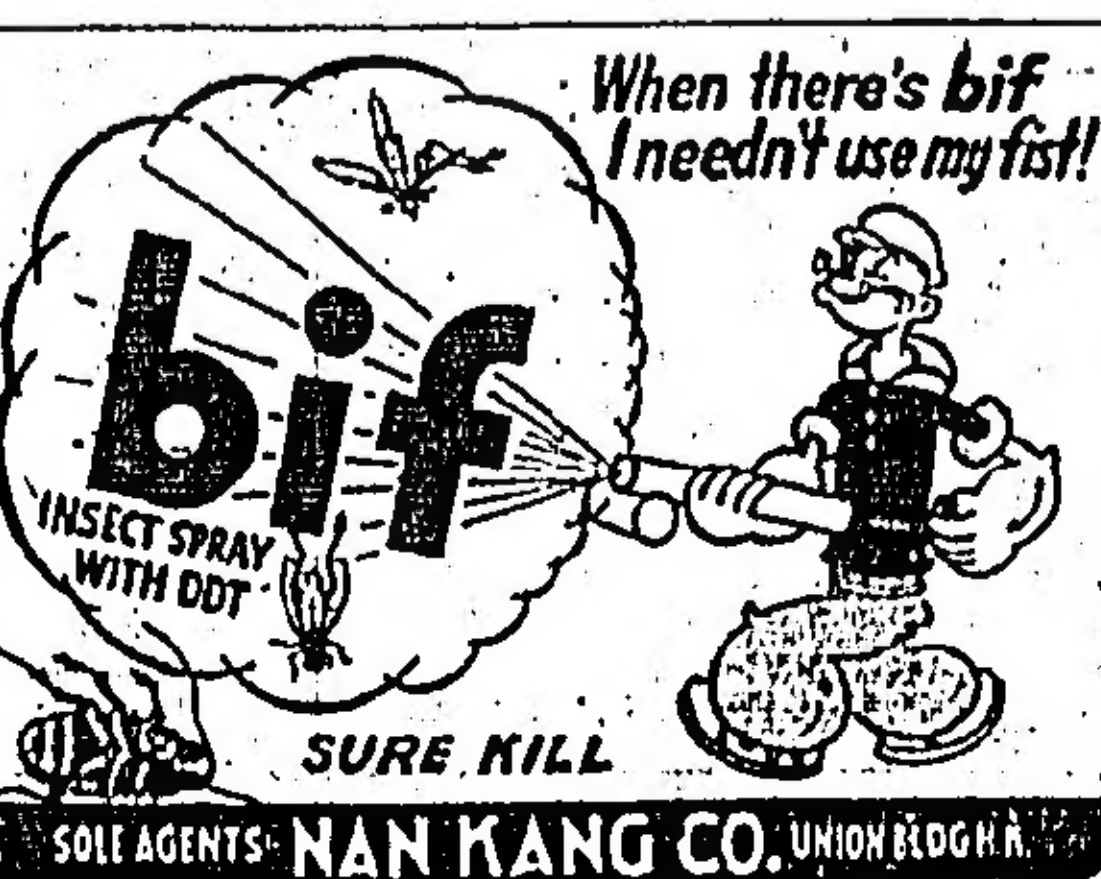
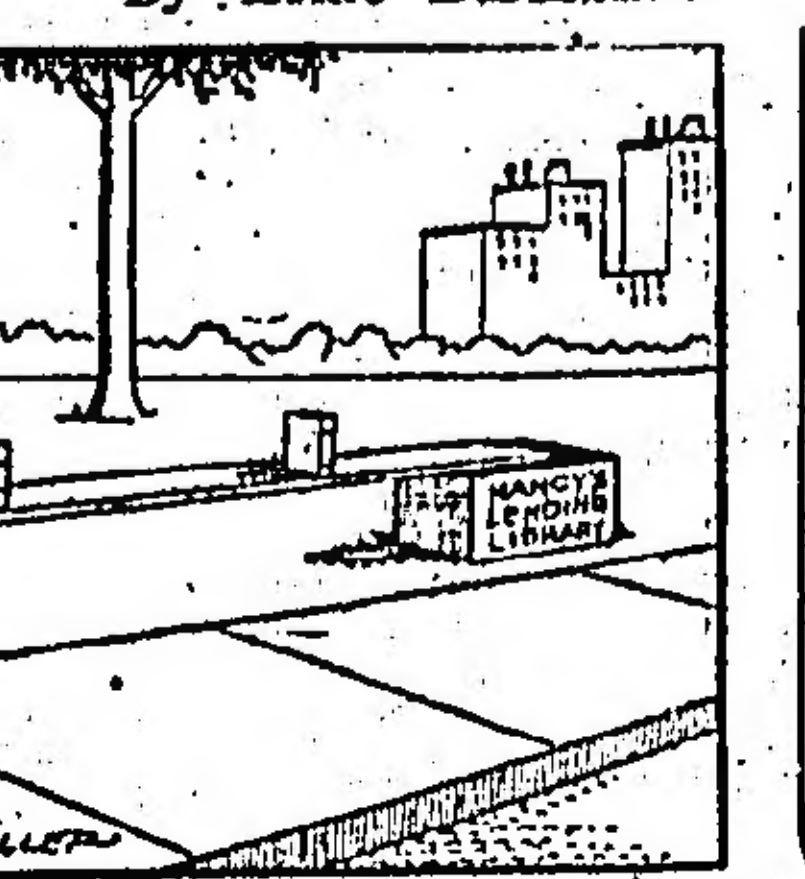
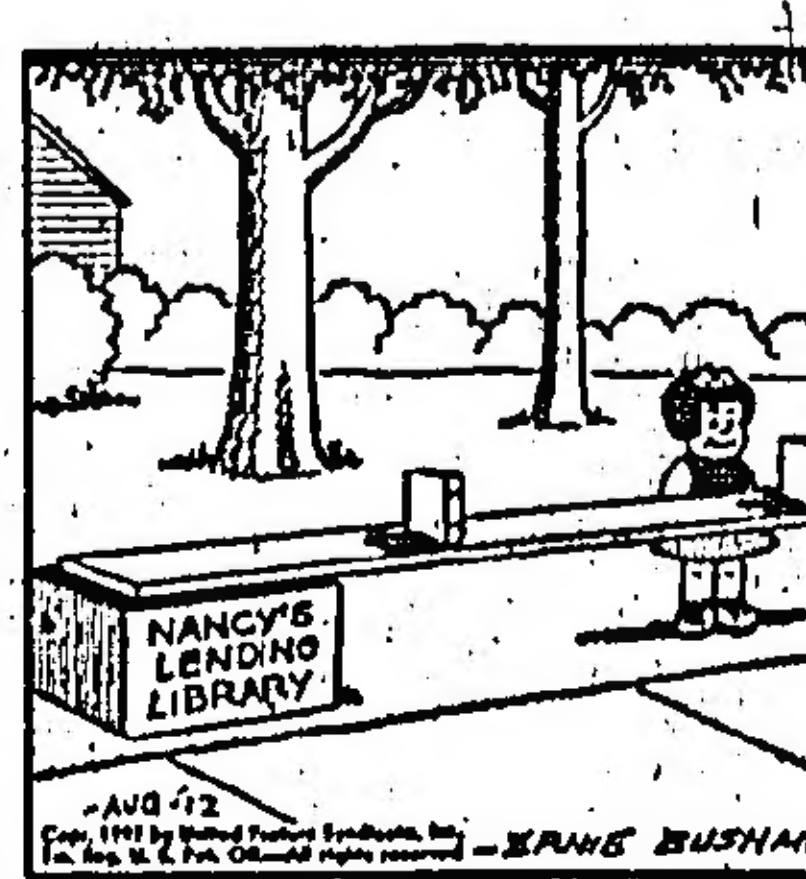
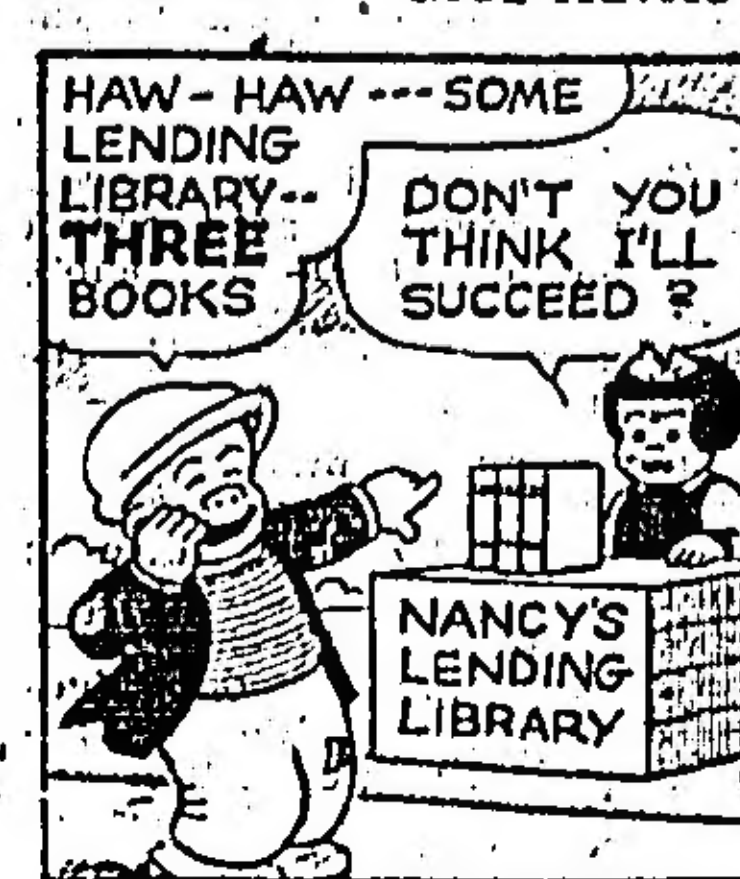
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Mayor refuses aid

Dear Dr. Rhubarb—My badger, Ralph, bit a lobster on the shore here yesterday. At the same moment the lobster's claws closed on my badger's nose. Neither would let go. Neither has let go yet—eighteen hours later—and I'm afraid they will both wear themselves out and die of starvation. Who could help me? I sent for the Mayor, but he would not come.

Emily Gruell.

By Ernie Bushmiller

NANCY Good Advice**UNO AT PRESENT IS A SHAM**By **ERNEST THURTLÉ, M.P.**

MOMENTOUS issues are before the General Assembly of UNO in New York. We have reached the hour of showdown.

Realists all over the world welcome the fact. It is plain that so far the United Nations Organisation has been a great disappointment. Russia's continued and deliberate use of the Veto has reduced its proceedings to something akin to farce.

VYSHINSKY raves against the Marshall proposals to make UNO a body capable of doing the work for which it was created, and fiercely accuses America and Britain of warmongering. America will answer for herself, but our people know full well that such a charge against Britain is fantastic.

We, utterly weary of war as we are, ask for nothing more than an ordered, peaceful world.

And, Vyshinsky's diatribes notwithstanding, our foreign policy constantly reflects this fact.

AS it exists at present we have in UNO a world organisation in theory which in practice is able to do nothing.

A sham of this kind is of no use to humanity. It is indeed worse than useless, for it creates an illusion of security which has no basis in reality.

That was the trouble with the League of Nations, a make-believe we relied on for many disastrous years.

A real UNO, with power to function, or no UNO at all, is what the people want.

KINGSLEY MARTIN, editor of The New Statesman, says, "I will remember, once described to me by a very prominent Labour Minister, during an anxious period of the war, as 'the worst jitterbug in the country'."

Mr. Martin, who has long been critical of the Labour Government, now makes the extraordinary proposal that Lord Mountbatten should be brought into the Cabinet.

And the reason given for this proposal is perhaps more extraordinary still—to "end the domination" of the Cabinet by Mr. Bevin.

Surely this is midsummer madness of Keep Leftism.

I should like to hear the free comment of the Minister who described Mr. Martin as a "jitterbug" on this proposal.

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FACTS

Some Australian natives have an unusual postal system. "Mail men" carry a message stick, with a notched message on it. The stick is carried in a net bag.

The world mess comes from the Latin "missum," which means sent or placed in position. The word thus came to mean a dish sent to the table.

The longest game in World Series history occurred October 9, 1916, when Babe Ruth of the Boston Red Sox held Brooklyn to six hits in 14 innings to win 2 to 1.

Air France, the French national airline, is offering to lure all-sleeper service with champagne and caviar on its new Golden Comet from New York to Paris.

The gardenia was named after Alexander Garden, a distinguished physician-scientist who was interested in plant propagation.

Powdered coal with an ash content of 15 percent can be cut to a 1.5 percent content, before it reaches the furnace, by a new electrostatic process.

In primitive times, no interest was charged for the loan of goods or services rendered. All that was expected was the return of similar goods or services.

Uranium and other rare metals have been made in impure powder form for at least a century, but only within the last 50 years have they been purified and put to work.

One-third of the United States' apple crop is now processed, becoming either canned, frozen, dried or made into apple butter, juice or bland syrup.

**BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber**

IT can now be revealed that on July 3 a second attempt was made by Dr Strabismus (Whom God Preserve) of Utrecht, to reach the moon by rocket.

Owing to the nature of the failure, no news of the attempt was issued, as it was felt that we should not be able to export any of the rockets after such a performance. What occurred was this. When the word was given to start on the perilous and romantic journey the rocket rolled over sideways and lay still. Nothing would budge it, and the comment of a disgraced spectator, "Slower than a snail," was fully justified. The Doctor's subsequent explanation was that the stall-blinds under the Mallington flagway had swollen, owing to heat. But that won't help our export drive.

'Tibetan Moonflower' (II.)

MR. MINCE was awakened by a large hairy animal, which had knocked down the thin wall of the cubicle where he and Eggham were sleeping. The animal was blowing on his face, as though to cool it. "You've seen your first yak," said Mince testily. "Good," said Eggham. "After a breakfast of rancid butter and brick-tea, served by an old man covered with fluff,

Want Women Veiled

Teheran, Oct. 20.—A threat of smashed premises today hung over all Persian shops and bazaars which sold their wares to women without the "chador" (head to foot veiling).

A fanatical religious movement called "Fedalan Islam" has posted threatening proclamations in the streets and at the entrances to mosques, prohibiting women from entering places of worship without the "chador".

From January 8, 1936, when the Shah accompanied by the Queen and his two eldest daughters unveiled and in European dress, presented diplomats at Teheran High School and encouraged women to take their place in Persian society, women have been regarded in law as being equal with men.

The veil was strictly forbidden, no shop would serve a veiled woman, none was admitted to public vehicles or even allowed to appear on the streets.—Reuter.

HARTAL PASSES QUIETLY

Singapore, Oct. 20.—Malaya's first "hartal"—general stoppage of work—passed off quietly and without serious incident today. It is estimated to have cost Malaya hundreds of thousands of dollars, however.

Nearly all Chinese and most Indians observed the hartal, but most Malays disregarded it.

The stoppage was organised by the Chinese Chambers of Commerce and the Leftwing groups, Putera and the Council of Joint Action, with the support of the Malayan Communist Party, as a protest against the new Federal constitution.

The effect of the hartal ranged from almost complete paralysis of shipping and commerce in the great port of Singapore to practically normal conditions in Malacca, where most shops were open and rubber estate labour working.

The quick arrival of the police ended the city incidents in Singapore, when mobs in three suburbs stoned buses belonging to the sole Chinese company operating.

It is believed here that the fear of intimidation was a strong factor in making the hartal as effective as it was, many workers fearing that by disregarding it they would invite eventual assault.—Reuter.

NO RUSSIANS IN FINLAND

Helsinki, Oct. 20.—General Arne Sihvo, commander-in-chief of the Finnish Army, said today that there were no Russian troops remaining in Finland.

The Russians held Porkkala district, 15 miles west of Helsinki, under the peace settlement and maintain a garrison there, but even Finnish Foreign Office quarters agree that this garrison cannot be considered as occupying Finnish territory. Porkkala has been leased as a Russian military base for 50 years.

There have been no reports of Russian troops anywhere in Finland, and this information is reinforced by travellers returning from the country's northern parts who report that they did not see any signs of Russians in the north.

General Sihvo denied that Finnish fortifications were being built along the Swedish-Finnish frontier.

The "Ita-Sanomat" afternoon paper, editorially condemned reports by the Aftonbladet and other Stockholm newspapers that Russian troops were occupying Northern Finland as "hysterical journalism which no one here can understand".—United Press.

Norwegians Go To The Polls

Oslø, Oct. 20.—Norwegians are going to the polls today to elect new representatives to municipal and local district councils.

The main issue at stake is the Norwegian Labour Government's policy of planned economy, which is opposed by the Conservative Party. This struggle has dominated the local government election campaign, in which local issues have been largely ignored.

The last local elections, in December 1945, resulted in a victory for the Labour Party, and political circles in Oslo think unlikely that the Conservatives will make any great gains this year.

Also taking part in the elections are Liberal, Communist, Christian Populists, Agrarians, and candidates from non-party lists.

The proportional representation system is being used to elect representatives for Norway's 744 communities, 600 rural and 94 urban.—Reuter.

Crash Victim's Body Recovered

Cartagena, Oct. 20.—Spanish Naval Base headquarters announced today a tug searching nearby Mediterranean waters for possible survivors of a French plane which crashed on Friday with 43 persons on board had picked up the body of a woman, the twelfth body to be recovered.

Only two of those on board the plane survived.—Associated Press.

U.N. Committee Of Good Offices For Indonesia Holds First Meeting

Sydney, Oct. 20.—The United Nations Committee of Good Offices on the Indonesian question today held its first meeting in preparation for first-hand study in Indonesia later.

France Acts To Check Cholera

Paris, Oct. 20.—France today took exhaustive measures to prevent the spread of Egypt's cholera epidemic, which has killed 2,271 people since September 23.

Ships from Egypt were banned from all ports except Marseilles, where they will be quarantined while non-inoculated passengers are disinfected and cargoes of fruit and sweets disinfected and burnt.

British and other foreign air passengers arriving from Egypt and wishing to stay in Paris will be required—if they have not been inoculated—to spend five days in the Bagnard Hospital for inoculation.

An official of the French Ministry of Health told Reuter: "The focal point of the danger is Marseilles." A Reuter message from Madrid said that a visit to Mecca by several hundred Moslems, who were to have sailed from the Spanish Moroccan port of Ceuta in a specially chartered motor ship, has been cancelled because the shipping company found the vessel would have been obliged to put into an Egyptian port.

A Reuter message from Istanbul said that five suspected cases of cholera have been detected among the crew of the Turkish steamer, Aisun, returning to Smyrna from the Eastern Mediterranean. The ship has been quarantined.—Reuter.

WEDEMEYER REPORT PUBLICITY WOULD BE HARMFUL

Washington, Oct. 20.—It would be "inadvisable and actually harmful" to make public at present the report of General Albert Wedemeyer, who returned recently from China and Korea, where he surveyed the situation as President Truman's personal representative, the State Department said today.

"Much of the information in this report was obtained in confidence from high officials of the Chinese Government, as well as from private individuals, and our representatives in China and Korea," the State Department said.

"It therefore, would be inadvisable and actually harmful to the interests of the countries concerned, including the United States, to publicise such a document at this time."

The State Department announcement was issued in response to requests that the report of General Wedemeyer be made public.

Unofficial reports have alleged that General Wedemeyer, in his report, warned of the danger of Manchuria falling over the whole of Manchuria in the next six months, recommended the support of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Government, urged a multi-million dollar aid plan much on the lines of the Greek-Turkish programme, and conflicted on certain points with the recommendations made by Gen. George Marshall, Secretary of State, who returned from a similar mission to China at the beginning of this year.—Reuter.

Strange New Strike Weapon

Nanking, Oct. 20.—A strike weapon—work until totally exhausted—is a new and peculiar method employed by workers of the Central Bank of China today in protest against the cutting down of their salaries while increases in the price index are still recorded.

The employees say that they will work until they are totally exhausted, showing the authorities their pain and distress.

This new type of silent protest arose after the employees had asserted that holding the hunger strike as they did two weeks ago would only make them feel "starved" and "uneasy".

The Bank's employees wages will be lowered at the end of the month.—Reuter-AAP.

Italian Colonies Commission

London, Oct. 20.—The Council of Foreign Ministers' Deputies on the Italian Colonies today set up a four-power commission which will tour the former Italian colonies.

The United States will be represented by John E. Uter, Britain by F. E. Stafford and France by Burin des Roziers. The Soviet representative has not yet arrived and will be replaced on the Commission for the time being by an official of the Soviet Embassy.—United Press.

Julius Maniu Trial Set

Bucharest, Oct. 20.—Julius Maniu, National Peasant Party leader charged with anti-state activity, will go on trial early in November, according to well-informed sources here.

The trial, originally scheduled for October 15, was delayed after the recent arrests of several important persons in an alleged conspiratorial plot, these sources said.

They denied reports that the delay was due to the hoarding of grain and the skyrocketing of prices following the recent monetary stabilisation.—United Press.

A spokesman for the Security Council group said it could not be determined now when the group would go to Indonesia, or whether travel preparations are under way. It was agreed that the chairmanship would be taken in weekly rotation and alphabetically, the first chairman being Justice R. C. Kirby of Australia.

The spokesman said the group is now communicating with Indonesian factions.

The Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Joseph Chifley, telegraphed greetings to the chairman, saying: "While I understand that each government is looking after its own members of the committee, and that the United Nations Secretariat is also assisting, I would like your colleagues to know that Australia will help in every way possible, and if by the provision of transport or other ways we can help the committee's work we should be most happy."

The Committee issued a statement: "The Committee took note of the fact that in accordance with the terms of its reference it was a Committee of 'Good Offices' to assist in a Pacific settlement of the dispute between the Netherlands and the Republic of Indonesia. It was agreed that the three members of the Committee would meet with equal rights and responsibilities, not representing either of the contending parties, but acting as a body in the spirit and purposes of the principles of the United Nations."—United Press.

Committee Members
Sydney, Oct. 20.—The United Nations Committee of Good Offices consists of Dr. Frank Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, Richard S. Kirby, member of the Australian arbitration Court, and Paul van Zeeland, former Belgian Foreign Minister.—Associated Press.

TRANSPORT STRIKE ENDS

Paris, Oct. 20.—An agreement ending the week-old strike of Paris transport workers, which had immobilised the city's underground services and buses, has been reached between the Government and the Transport Workers Union, it was officially announced by the Ministry of Transport tonight.

The strikers will go back to work tomorrow.

This development came after the majority of the delegates attending the Central Committee meeting of the Paris rail unions had, according to reliable union circles today, approved a proposal to call a general strike in the city if the transport workers' demands were not met.

The meeting, at which the general strike threat was made, was attended by delegates of 10 unions of the Paris region, including the Railway Union, the Metal Workers and Carpenters Union.

The first of the 10 delegates who spoke unanimously favoured a general strike and the meeting was adjourned for a short time to allow Mr. Eugene Henaff, the Secretary General of the General Union, to confer with M. Daniel Mayer, the Minister of Labour.

The settlement has been made possible by the conciliatory attitude of the French Government on the main demands of the Transport Workers Union.

Indirectly the Government has given way on the question of payment of wages for the days of the strike.—Reuter.

Reds Encircle Changchun

Peiping, Oct. 20.—Changchun lay in darkness tonight and listened to gunfire from the east, where Communist troops had encircled the city, leading into the Manchurian capital.

Conceding that the Manchurian situation has taken a serious turn for the worse, Chinese Government sources report that the Communists have completed a series of wide encircling moves around both Changchun and the power centre of Kirin, 60 miles to the east.

The railway between the two cities is cut at several points, and government dispatches said Chitai, 35 miles east of Changchun, was besieged by 20,000 Communists.

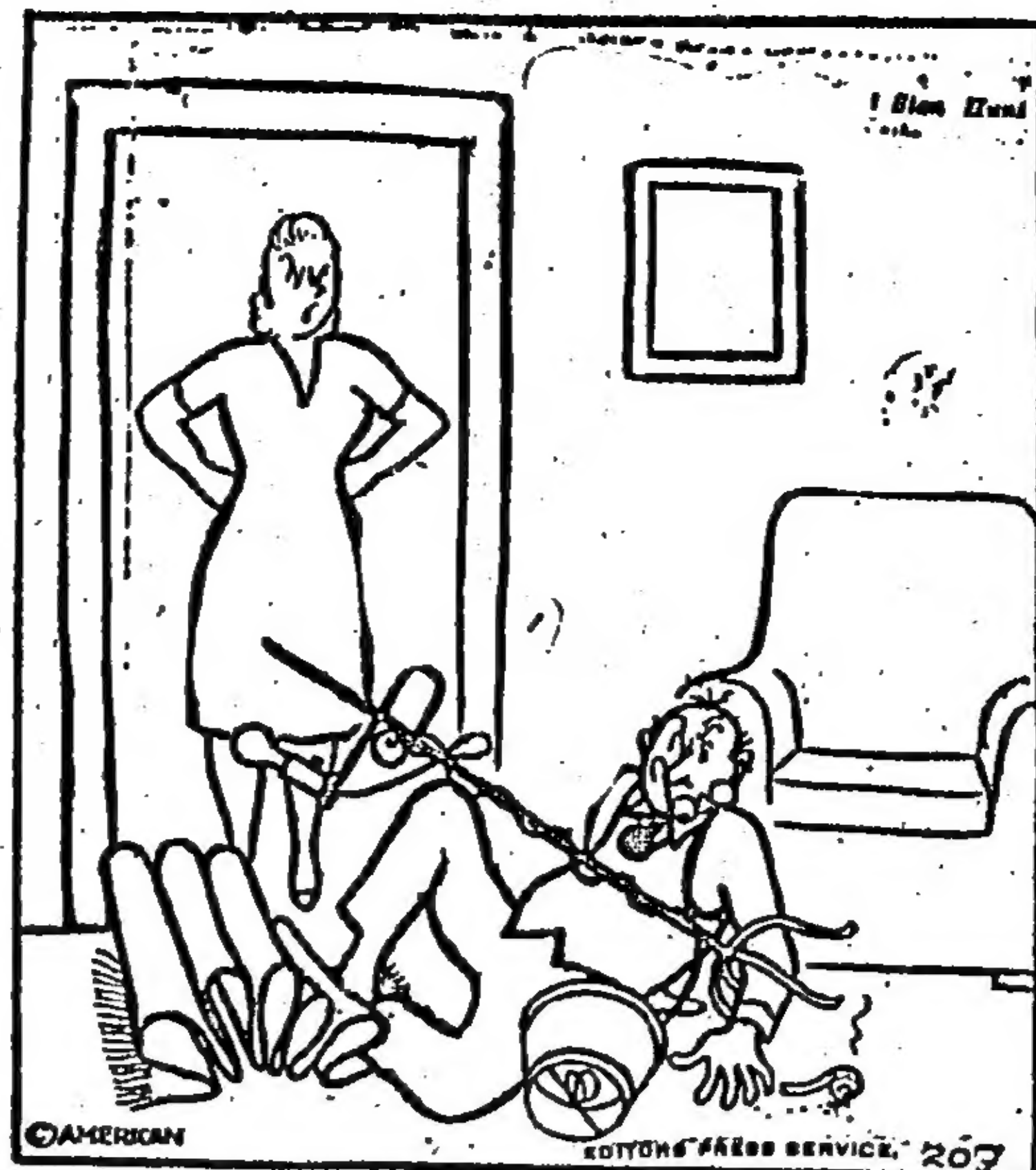
The Communist radio announced that Chitai had been captured.—Associated Press.

Berlin Coal Supplies

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Klingelhofer added that all the city's coal came from the Anglo-American zones and there was little hope of receiving coal from the Soviet zone, where it was in short supply.—United Press.



"Why do you insist on doing that every time I wax the floor?"

Germans Charged With Kidnapping Children

Nuremberg, Oct. 20.—Fourteen Germans, including one woman, were brought to trial in the war crimes court here today for the kidnapping of children in countries overrun by the German Army.

YUGOSLAV'S BREACH OF PRIVILEGE

Trieste, Oct. 20.—Rudolfo Kurelic, senior member of the Yugoslav economic delegation accredited to the Trieste Allied Military Government, was invited today by the Allied authorities to leave the Anglo-American zone of Trieste Free Territory immediately, following his "gross breach of privilege by engaging in political agitation unrelated with his delegation's functions."

In an official communique, the AMG said that Kurelic gave a press conference in which he allegedly charged the Allied authorities with "provocation" regarding their attitude towards Yugoslav exhibitors in the current Trieste International fair.

The AMG said Kurelic's remarks were "without basis in fact" and could only be regarded as "political propaganda" and aimed against the good faith and authority of the AMG.

Kurelic committed a "breach of the elementary courtesy expected from foreign officials when visiting a friendly country or territory" in the course of their duties, the communique said.

It was widely known that the Allied authorities in Trieste were anxious to establish economic relations with Yugoslavia to arrange for exchange of goods and secure basic foodstuffs during the period between now and the appointment of a Governor. However, the communique said that the AMG delegation tend to permit any delegation to "turn itself into a mere instrument of anti-Allied propaganda."—United Press.

Red Influence In Films

Washington, Oct. 20.—Chairman J. Parnell Thomas, opening the House Un-American Activities Committee hearing on Communism in the United States motion picture industry, said in a speech today that there are "Communists in Hollywood" who hope to see Soviet totalitarianism established throughout the world.

Thomas said: "With such vast influence over the lives of American citizens as the motion picture industry exerts, it is not unnatural, in fact it is very logical, that subversive and undemocratic forces should attempt to use this medium for Un-American purposes."

He said the Communists tried "desperately to gain entry to the motion picture industry. That they have done so with considerable success is already evident to this Committee from its preliminary investigation work."—United Press.

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The defendants were the directors of the SS Race and Settlement Office, which had for its purpose the "weakening and eventual destroying of other nations, while at the same time strengthening Germany at their expense territorially and biologically in order to secure German domination, first of Europe and finally of the world."

Opening the prosecution's case, Brig-Gen Telford Taylor, chief American prosecutor, charged the defendants with "kidnapping children of foreign nationals in order to select for Germanisation those of racial value."

Among victims of the kidnapping programme were all the children of Lidice (Czechoslovakia), which was destroyed in June 1942 by German troops in retaliation for the assassination of the Gestapo chief, Reinhard Heydrich. The prosecutor read a description of Nazi brutality surrounding the Lidice atrocity, whereby the men were ruthlessly killed and the women and children of the village herded together in the high school building at nearby Kaldno.

Nine of the children considered fit for Germanisation were transferred to German foster homes, where their names were changed and they were indoctrinated with Nazi theory. Those children found living in German homes and have been returned to their relatives in Czechoslovakia. Six of them have given affidavits to the prosecution, which will be introduced into the evidence in the trial.

The woman defendant, Inge Viermeier, is charged with special participation in the kidnapping programme.—United Press.

JURY'S VERDICT UNREASONABLE

London, Oct. 20.—Two Scotland Yard Flying Squad officers, who were sentenced to prison in London recently on a charge of conspiracy to steal from persons they purported to interview on duty, walked out of the Criminal Appeal Court here free men today.

The judge ruled that the jury's verdict was so unreasonable that it could not stand.

The officers, Albert Edwin Compton and Harry Gordon Cooper, both aged 37, had been sentenced to 12 and nine months imprisonment respectively.

They had previously been acquitted on robbery and larceny charges.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S BROADCAST

6.30, "Variety Request" Favourites: 7, Studio: "See Tee" on Sport; 7.10, Studio: "See Tee" on Sport; 7.30, Rimsky-Korsakov: "The Snow Maiden"; 8, London Relay: World; 8.15, D.B.C. Transcription: "The Snow Maiden"; 8.30, "The Snow Maiden"; 8.45, "The Snow Maiden"; 9, D.B.C. Transcription: "The Snow Maiden"; 9.15, Studio: "The Snow Maiden"; 9.30, Studio: "The Snow Maiden"; 9.45, Studio: "The Snow Maiden"; 10, London Relay: World; 10.15, D.B.C. 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